

RIDER I
MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLES VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, THE AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975, THE CODE OF FAIR PRACTICES AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND STATE OF MAINE EXECUTIVE ORDER 17/FY 04/05.

The Provider/Contractor provides this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal/State grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, discounts or other Federal/State financial assistance from the U.S./State Departments of Health and Human Services.

By signing this Agreement, Rider I Assurance of Compliance is by agreement fully incorporated into the Agreement.

THE PROVIDER/CONTRACTOR HEREBY AGREES THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH:

1. Titles VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Service (45 C.F.R. Part 80), to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States, shall on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Provider/Contractor receives Federal/State financial assistance from the Department. Specifically, providers of client services shall develop clear, written communication plans, provide and document training in order to ensure that staff can communicate meaningfully with applicants/clients and/or family members who are limited English proficient (LEP); determine the primary language of applicants/clients and/or family members, and ensure that bi-lingual workers or qualified interpreters will be provided at no cost to the applicant/client.
2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 84), to the end that, in accordance with Section 504 of that Act and the Regulation, no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of his handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Provider/Contractor receives Federal/State financial assistance from the Department. Specifically, providers shall develop clear, written communication plans, provide and document training in order to ensure that staff can communicate meaningfully with applicants/clients and/or family members who are deaf, hard or hearing, late deafened, speech impaired and/or nonverbal. The Provider will provide visible or tactile alarms for safety and privacy, telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY), amplified phone or fax machine, and train staff in the use of adaptive equipment. The Provider shall obtain the services of a qualified, licensed sign language interpreter or other adaptive service such as CART or C-Print at no expense to the applicant/client or family member.
3. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-318), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 86), to the end that, in accordance with Title IX and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of /or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity for which the Provider/Contractor receives Federal/State financial assistance from the Department.

4. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 91), to the end that, in accordance with the Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Provider/Contractor receives Federal/State financial assistance from the Department.

5. The Code of Fair Practices and Affirmative Action, 5 M.R.S.A. § 781 *et. seq.*, to the end that, in accordance with the Code of Fair Practices and Affirmative Action, no state or state related agency contractor, subcontractor, or labor union or representative of the workers with which the contractor has an agreement will discriminate because of race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability while providing any function or service to the public, in enforcing any regulation, or in any education, counseling, vocational guidance, apprenticeship and on the job training programs, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification. During the performance of this contract, the Provider/Contractor agrees as follows:

- A. That it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age physical or mental disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotions, transfers, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs or terminations; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- B. The Provider/Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees place by or on behalf of the Provider/Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability.
- C. The Provider/Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of the workers with which it has a collective or bargaining agreement, or other contract or understanding, whereby he is furnished with labor for the performances of his contract, a notice, to be provided by the contracting department or agency, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitment under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- D. The Provider/Contractor will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all contracts for any work covered by this agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.
- E. Provider/Contractors and subcontractors with contracts in excess of \$50,000 will also pursue in good faith affirmative action programs.

6. State of Maine Executive Order 17 FY 04/05 which provides that all contractors entering into contracts for services to be provided to or on behalf of the State of Maine not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of that employee's or applicant's sexual orientation. Solicitations or advertisements for employment by the contractor or subcontractor shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to sexual orientation. Contractor will notify each labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's obligations under State of Maine Executive Order 17 FY 04/05 and post such notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment. The contractor will cause the requirement of State of Maine Executive Order 17 FY 04/05 to be inserted in all contracts for work covered by a State contract for services such that the requirements will be binding on any and all subcontractors. The Provider further stipulates that services will be provided in a culturally sensitive and age appropriate manner.

The Provider/Contractor agrees that compliance with this assurance constitutes a condition of continued receipt of Federal/State financial assistance, and that it is binding upon the Provider/Contractor, its successors, transferees and assignees for the period during which such assistance is provided. The Provider/Contractor also agrees that the Department may withhold financial assistance to any recipient found to be in violation of the Maine Human Rights Act, 5 M.R.S.A. § 4551 *et. seq.* or the Federal Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1981 *et. seq.* in accordance with 5 M.R.S.A. § 783. If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal/State financial assistance extended to the Provider/Contractor by the Department, this assurance shall obligate the Provider/Contractor, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal/State financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar service or benefits. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance shall obligate the Provider/Contractor for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. The Provider/Contractor further recognizes and agrees that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of the assurance.

* Technical assistance and information relating to the requirements associated with sections 1 through 5 can be found at U.S. Health and Human Services Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/>. Technical assistance and information regarding section 1 can also be found at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission website: www.eeoc.gov. Technical assistance and information relating to the requirements associated with section 6 can be found at www.maine.gov/mhrc/laws/index.html. Information relating to section 6 can be found at <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/search.asp>.